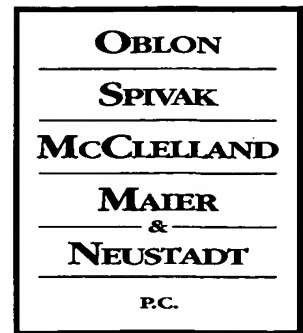




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RE: Application Serial No.: 10/718,574
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Examiner: CHAUDHRY, S.T.

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The Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance refers to unexpected results with respect to Example 9.

Applicants made the following argument at page 11 of the amendment filed December 28, 2004:

The efficacy of the present inventions is demonstrated by the comparative data in the specification and its superiority to the methods of the above-discussed prior art. Compare, for example, Example 13 and Comparative Example 9, described in the specification beginning at page 50, line 7, wherein both t and C are within the terms of the present Claim 1 but the relationship $0.25 \leq tC^{1.29} \leq 5$ is satisfied for Example 9 but not satisfied for Comparative Example 9. As Table 3 at page 51 of the specification indicates, etching was good for Example 9 but bad for Comparative Example 9. Thus, contrary to the suggestion made by the Examiner during the above-referenced interview, the above relationship is not necessarily satisfied, even if t and C are satisfied.

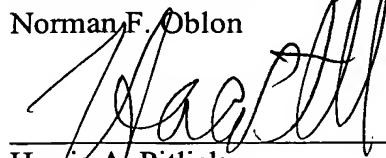
Thus, Applicants relied on a comparison of Example 13 to Comparative Example 9, but inadvertently later on in the paragraph referred to Example 9 instead of Example 13. In

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other words, Applicants intended to rely, and still rely, on a comparison between Example 13 and Comparative Example 9, not Example 9 and Comparative Example 9.

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